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REMARKS

This is supplemental to the amendment filed July 3, 2003, in response to the Official Action of August 30, 2002.

This Supplemental Amendment is to further properly amend certain portions in the Specification and to provide a new Figure 1 as accurate in relation to the original Figure 1. This is to clarify inconsistencies brought to the Applicant's and Attorney's attention by the Examiner.

It was discovered that the substitute Figure 1 filed on July 3, 2003 was incorrect and in fact, for the most part, it was a duplicate of Figure 3. It did not illustrate the lower tip 102 and the lower stem section 100.3 that was in original Figure 1. Additionally, the numerals 105 and 106 were not in Figure 1, and they were in the originally filed figure. The numeral 123 in Figure 2 of the first replacement sheet is incorrect. It should be 113. These have been corrected. Further, the numerals 110 and 101, and 114 which were not in the Specification, but were in original Figure 1 have been included now in the amended specification paragraph submitted herewith.

The Examiner indicated that there was some confusion because of the absence of numbers and additional numbers on the drawings that were not in the Specification. It is believed that they have been corrected. No new matter has been added.

In regard to the claims that are submitted, the inventive concept is to utilize a replacement prosthesis that has a shoulder section and at least one separable stem section that are aligned with a center rod 103 extending through a bore in the stem sections, and centered on the central axis 130. (Axis 130 has also been designated in the Specification.)

The inventive concept is a departure from the previous forms of the invention that had a unitary stem that would go into the femoral canal, and had a fixed manufactured length. The

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present invention has an extendable length that can be modified with additional sections of the stem held aligned with a central rod 103, so that, as outlined in the Specification, the stem can be used as a replacement for a previous prosthesis and extended into solid bone area for support of the prosthesis. A cone is used for attaching the head that forms the swivel ball for the hip joint.

It is believed that this will clarify and demonstrate that the claims are allowable over the references which show only a unitary shaft or stem that will go into the canal of the femur for replacement therapy of hip prosthesis.

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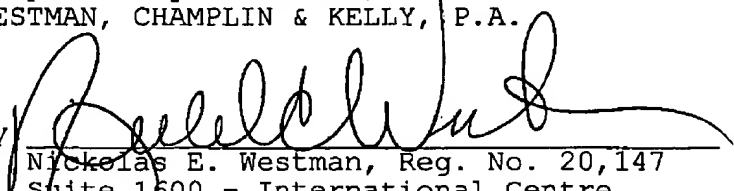
The substance of the interview with the Examiner was the questions relating to the numerals on the drawings, and lack of numerals in the Specification, and no specific claims or prior art were discussed.

The second replacement drawing of Figures 1 and 2, again, has additional numerals added and numeral 123 corrected. Numeral 301 has also been added.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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